

	ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	Notification Number: 09-02
	INMATE NOTIFICATION Urinalysis Testing Procedure	Issue Date: March 31, 2009

POSTING NOTIFICATION

This information is to be posted for a minimum of 30 days in areas accessible to inmates and shall be made available to inmates who do not have access to posted copies.

PROCEDURE:

Effective April 1, 2009 the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) will be implementing a new urinalysis testing procedure. ADC will use an instant reading cup to provide a preliminary instant reading of results. If the preliminary results indicate a positive reading, the sample will be sent to an outside laboratory for a confirmation test.

The procedure used will be as follows:

The inmate will be brought to a designated area and advised he/she will be required to produce a urine sample. Staff will open the sealed package and remove the test cup, explain the process to the inmate, and the amount of urine required for testing. Staff will supervise the inmate as he/she produces a urine sample as prescribed in policy.

Staff will seal the cup lid and place it on a flat surface; typical results will be read in less than ten (10) minutes. If the preliminary test results are negative, the inmate will be instructed to dispose of the urine in the toilet/urinal and place the cup in a designated receptacle. If the test is a presumptive positive, the cup will be placed in the lab-provided package and sealed. Specimens will be shipped via courier to an outside laboratory for further testing with results returned to the complex. Inmate discipline will be issued after the results of the confirmation test are received.



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